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New Orleans, July 6, 1909.

To The Secretary of the

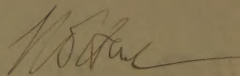
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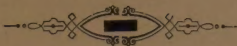
Dear Sir:

Please send me particulars of your organization.

Very truly yours,


W. O. Hart

NEW ORLEANS



EW ORLEANS, the metropolis of the South and Mississippi Valley, is a city of 375,000 inhabitants, and was founded by Bienville, a French-Canadian, in 1718. It lies 110 miles from the mouths of the Mississippi River, and comprises the entire Parish of Orleans, with an area of $196\frac{1}{4}$ square miles. It has a

harbor ranging in depth from over 200 to 35 feet; thirty miles of wharves, a part of which are covered by municipally-owned, modern steel sheds, and a public belt railroad, which, free of charge, transfers commodities to and from railroads. It is the largest coffee, banana, sugar, cotton and rice market in the United States, and, by reason of its geographical location, enjoys unusual rail and ocean transportations facilities. Its population is principally American, with a large number of French-speaking inhabitants—the Creoles of Louisiana, who live, for the most part, in that section lying below Canal Street, known as the French, or Creole, quarter.

There are over fifty thousand miles of railways with terminals at New Orleans, with other lines under construction, and one of the largest car-repair plants in the United States is located here. The grain elevators at New Orleans are among the largest at any seaport, and the second largest sugar refinery in the world, costing \$4,000,000, has just been completed. Its street-railway system is one of the best in the United States, and practically universal transfers are given. Its hotels are modern and ample, and some \$4,000,000 have recently been spent on two new ones, now opened.

The proximity of New Orleans to numerous great natural products adds immensely to its prestige as a port and manufacturing center. The largest sulphur and salt mines in the world are less than 200 miles distant in Louisiana, and in the same section are located the immense sugar and rice plantations and the great oil fields. Only a short distance further, in Louisiana, are the greatest long-leaf yellow-pine forests now remaining in America, while cotton is grown practically throughout the State.

The recent discovery of natural gas in Northwest Louisiana, near Shreveport, credited by government experts to be the largest proven field in America, gives additional potency for wealth and manufacturing development. This gas will be brought by pipe line to New Orleans, a distance of 352 miles. Other gas fields, only a few miles distant, but as yet undeveloped, give promise of future great supplies. There are immense stores of lignite in Louisiana, while iron, coal, marble and building stone are being developed and will ultimately be produced in commercial quantities.

Louisiana does not tax foreign capital for investment purposes, and, within the past few months, millions of dollars have been brought into New Orleans and the State to develop its resources and manufacturing.

The Panama Canal is 600 miles nearer New Orleans than to any other large seaport, and an ever-growing trade is being developed with Cuba, Mexico and Central America. New Orleans is the headquarters of the new Twelfth United States Railway Mail Division, and the home of other important Governmental Departments. One of the two greatest steel floating dry docks in the world is located here, and the United States Naval Station and Repair Shops at New Orleans are the most modern of any in the United States.

The assistant purchasing agency of the Isthmian Canal Commission is located here.

From a health standpoint New Orleans compares favorably with any large city of the United States, the resident white death-rate averaging less than fifteen per thousand. Three great municipal improvements are, in a measure, responsible for this excellent showing—drainage,

sewerage and pure water. The first has been in operation some seven years, and dry excavations to the depth of fifteen to twenty feet are now possible; whereas, until the installation of the drainage system, such was out of the question. The sewage is conveyed into the river far below the city, while the water for domestic consumption is taken from the Mississippi at the upper end of the city, passed over filtration beds, chemically treated and distributed to the mains. This water is soft and said to be of unusual purity. In addition to the health feature, the inauguration of this new water system will result in a diminishing insurance rate, due to the high pressure available for fire protection.

These public utilities are owned and operated by the City of New Orleans, and, in addition, the city owns and operates its own street-repair plant.

All railroad and steamship lines give a free stopover of ten days at New Orleans on all classes of tickets, while the Progressive Union pays the fares of merchants from Louisiana and numerous surrounding States, to and from New Orleans, who make their purchases here, making New Orleans a great jobbing market.

Socially New Orleans is delightful; and, by reason of this, and her historic interest, cosmopolitanism, foreign characteristics, her famous cuisine, her Mardi Gras and manifold amusements, New Orleans is known as the "Winter Capital of America." Motor-boating and yachting on Lake Pontchartrain may be enjoyed all-year-around, due to the open winters; and, in summertime, New Orleans is cooler than New York, Chicago and many of the large cities far to the North. This is due to being surrounded by rivers and large lakes, and the near proximity of the Gulf of Mexico to the southward, the prevailing breezes in summertime being from the south. Within less than two hours by rail New Orleans can enjoy salt-water bathing in Mississippi Sound, this beautiful stretch of coast, from a few miles east of New Orleans to Mobile, Alabama, being known as the "Riviera of America," and is filled with Northern sojourners in the winter time, and New Orleans residents in the summer.

From the standpoint of the epicure, New Orleans is the one bright spot on American soil. Her cooks, bred in or descended of the best of the kind in France and Spain, and taking on the added art of the Creole, produce viands which have created for this city a reputation at home and abroad. It might here be added that New Orleans is the largest oyster market in the world, and one of the largest fish markets in the United States, while the huntsman and fisherman are offered the rarest sport in the bayous and marshes of the country immediately adjacent and within forty minutes' ride.

There are several large public libraries, five large metropolitan American daily papers, and one French daily, 112 public schools and kindergartens, many private schools and six universities. The chief of the latter are the Tulane University, for boys, and Newcomb College, for girls, both under the same administration. Tulane is specially noted for its medical department, while its academic, law, engineering and technical divisions are developing rapidly.

From any point of view New Orleans is a city of destiny, and with deep water from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and the opening of the Panama Canal, will become a port of tremendous power in the commerce of the world.

Inquiries solicited by

NEW ORLEANS PROGRESSIVE UNION,

528 Camp Street.

W. O. Hart

Attorney and Counsellor at Law

NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET

New Orleans. March 17, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Newell,

President, American Numismatic Society,

Broadway and 156th Street,

New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your esteemed favor of February 26th, acknowledging
receipt of the Indiana ^{Bag} Bag which I sent to the Society through my friend,
Mr. J. Sanford Saltus.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

April 15, 1919.

W. O. Hart, Esquire,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hart,

I am directed by Mr. J. Sanford Saltus to send you, under separate cover, one silver and one bronze copy of our Joan of Arc medal, which has just been issued.

I trust these will reach you promptly and in good order.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans.

April 22, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secty. American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I have your esteemed favor of April 15th,
and presume the medals which you are sending me relate to
Joan of Arc; the Louisiana Historical Society will be very
glad to receive the same, and they will be presented to the
Society in proper form at its next meeting.

Yours very truly,

W. O. Hart.

P. S. The medals have just come to hand.

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET

New Orleans. October 18, 1919.

Mr. Edward C. Newell,
President, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.,
New York City, New York.

My dear Sir:

I do not know that I answered yours of ^{August} ~~October~~ 25rd, acknowledging
receipt of Pan-American American Child ^{Labor} Welfare Medal, which I am glad to
know was found worthy of a place in the collection of your Society.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart.

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans.

May 5, 1920.

Mr. Arthur T. Wyman, Assistant Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

DEAR SIR:

I have your esteemed favor of April 26th regarding the
curious medal which I described in my letter to you and hope I
may find something about it from the gentleman in Charleston to
whom I wrote on the subject.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

Mr. T. H. ...
...
he states that he knows nothing about the medal but has referred
my letter to the State Historical Commission of South Carolina.

May 15th, 1920

W. O. Hart, Esq.
134 Charondelet Street
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Hart:

I wonder if it would be possible for you to suggest to me a manner in which I might secure information as to whether the New Orleans Mint has any records now in its possession relating to the striking of the so-called Confederate Half-Dollar in 1861.

As you may remember, four of these pieces were struck originally.

Some twenty years ago, a Mr. Taylor who had been connected with the Mint while it was operated by the Confederacy, communicated with a coin dealer here in New York stating that he had one of the four original pieces and, also, the die. These were purchased from him and the piece itself has, at last, come into the possession of the Museum. A second specimen turned up some years later and is now, or was, in the collection of Mr. Granberg of Wisconsin.

Scattered notices in regard to the coin of these pieces have been published from time to time, and I am now very anxious to get all the material available in regard to them together, so that it may be printed as a unit. It has occurred to me that there might be some information in New Orleans which has not yet reached this part of the country, and I am writing in the hope that you may be able to suggest a way in which I could secure this. Of course, I do not wish to put you to any serious trouble and hope that you will not inconvenience yourself in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

W/E

Assistant to Curator

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans.

September 20th, 1921.

Mr. S. P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

I have yours of September 16th,
acknowledging receipt of two badles recently
sent to the Society, and I thank you therefor.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans.

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Mr. John Reilly Jr. *Pres. American Insurance Co. Ltd.*
200 Broadway at 13th St.,
New York City,

My Dear Mr. Reilly:-

I am glad to note that the Badges which I
sent to my friend Mr. Sultas have been found worthy of a place in the
American Insurance Co. Ltd.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart.

Collection

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans.
July 6, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

In memory of my esteemed friend, the late
J. Sanford Saltus, I ^{understand the error} ~~herewith~~ send you for the Society
one of the badges of the late Confederate Reunion held
at Richmond, Virginia, beginning June 19th.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

July 18th, 1922.

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of the 6th and for your gift in memory of Mr. J. Sanford Saltus. We are very glad to have the badge to add to our series;

Mr. Saltus' body is exposed almost daily, and his funeral will probably take place sometime this week. We all feel his loss very deeply.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

W. O. Hart

Attorney and Counsellor at Law

NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET

New Orleans

July 21, 1922.

Mr. Sidney F. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Streets,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of July 18th, and was advised by a telegram from your City that the funeral of my friend Mr. Saltus would take place this morning, and on behalf of the Louisiana Historical Society, of which he was a Honorary Member, a memorial wreath was sent.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
NO. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans
Feb. 20, 1924.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I have yours of February 14th,
and whenever I see a badge, I always send
it to the Society.

Very truly yours,

W. O. Hart

May 18th, 1925

W. O. Hart, Esq.
134 Carondelet Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hart:

Many thanks for the programme and
badge of the Convention at Baton Rouge.

Very truly,

Curator

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
No. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans

May 15, 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith send official badges of the Confederate
Reunion, which I recently attended, at Little Rock.

Yours very truly,

W. O. Hart



May 19th, 1928.

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet St.,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hart:

We beg to thank you for the official
badges of the Confederate Reunion, which you recently
attended.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
No. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans

July 6, 1928

Mr. Howard Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith send you one of the badges from the
recent Democratic Convention at Houston, Texas, which I attended.

Yours very truly

W. O. Hart

12th July, 1928

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th presenting
badges from the Democratic Convention at Houston, Texas.
We are very glad indeed to have these for our collection
and appreciate your thought in sending them.

very cordially yours,

Secretary

To the Secretary of
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

W. D. Hart.

NAME

W. D. Hart

ADDRESS

134 Carondelet St. New Orleans, La.

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of \$100.00.

PROPOSED BY:

Howland Wood

W. O. Hart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
No. 134 CARONDELET STREET
New Orleans

Sept. 24, 1928

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of September 5th. Please
have me elected a member of the Society in due course.

Yours very truly,

W. O. Hart

224 October, 1928

Mr. W. O. Hart,
134 Carondelet St.,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hart:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that you were unanimously elected an Associated Member of this Society, through the nomination of Mrs Howland Wood, at the meeting of the Society held last Friday. We are very glad to add your name to our membership list, and trust that we may have the pleasure of welcoming you at our Museum at any time you are in New York and find it convenient to call.

Very truly yours,

Secretary